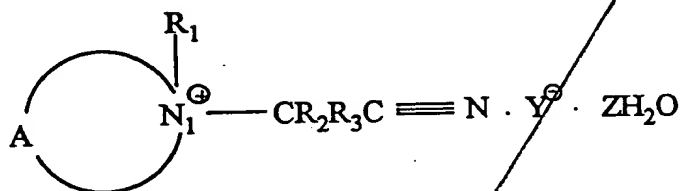


It is Claimed:

1. A substantially solid composition, the composition having therein a compound with the structure of Formula I

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FORMULA I

wherein A is a saturated ring formed by a plurality of atoms in addition to the N_1 atom, the saturated ring atoms including at least one carbon atom and at least one of O, S, and N atoms, the substituent R_1 bound to the N_1 atom of the Formula I structure including either

10 (a) a C_{1-24} alkyl or alkoxyated alkyl where the alkoxy is C_{2-4} , (b) a C_{4-24} cycloalkyl, (c) a C_{7-24} alkaryl, (d) a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyated alcohol, where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , or (e) $-\text{CR}_2\text{R}_3\text{C} \equiv \text{N}$ where R_2

15 and R_3 are each H, a C_{1-24} alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyated alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , the R_2 and R_3 substituents being each H, a C_{1-24} alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or

20 alkoxyated alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , Z is a value in the range of 0 to 10, and wherein Y is monovalent or multivalent and is sulfate, bisulfate, tosylate, or mixtures of sulfate and bisulfate as counterion.

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3. The Formula I compound as in claim 1 wherein A is a saturated ring formed by four carbon atoms and an N₂ atom in addition to the N₁ atom, with N₂ being a secondary amine, a tertiary amine having the substituent —CR₅R₆CN or a quaternary amine having the substituents —R₅ and —CR₅R₆CN, wherein R₅ and R₆ may each be a H or C₁₋₆ alkyl.

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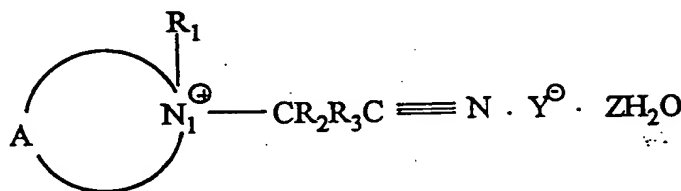
6. The composition as in claim 1 wherein the composition includes from about 1 wt.% to about 99 wt.% of another compound related to the Formula I compound, but differing therefrom in counterion, and wherein
5 Formula I compound is in an amount effective for reduced hygroscopicity of the salt composition.

8. The composition as in claim 1 wherein Z is a value in the range of 0 to 6.

9. The composition as in claim 2 wherein R_1 is a lower alkyl.

10. A substantially solid composition, the composition including a compound with the structure of Formula I

FORMULA I



5 wherein A is a saturated ring formed by five atoms in addition to the N_1 atom, the five saturated ring atoms being four carbon atoms and a heteroatom, the substituent R_1 bound to the N_1 atom of the Formula I structure including either (a) a C_{1-24} alkyl or
 10 alkoxyated alkyl where the alkoxy is C_{2-4} , (b) a C_{4-24} cycloalkyl, (c) a C_{7-24} alkaryl, (d) a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyated alcohol, where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , or (e) $-\text{CR}_2\text{R}_3\text{C} \equiv \text{N}$ where R_2 and R_3 are each H, a C_{1-24} alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a
 15 repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyated alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , the R_2 and R_3 substituents are each H, a C_{1-24} alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyated alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C_{2-4} , Z is a value in the range
 20 of 0 to 10, and wherein Y is monovalent or multivalent and is sulfate, bisulfate, tosylate, or mixtures of bisulfate and sulfate as counterion.

11. The composition as in claim 10 being substantially non-hygroscopic.

12. The composition as in claim 10 wherein the Formula I compound is from about 1 wt.% to about 100 wt.% of the total composition.

5 13. The composition as in claim 10 wherein the composition includes from about 1 wt.% to about 99 wt.% of another compound related to the Formula I compound, but differing therefrom in counterion, and wherein Formula I compound is in an amount effective for reduced hygroscopicity of the salt composition.

14. The composition as in claim 10 wherein the Formula I compound has a water uptake of less than about 5 wt.% water at 80% R.H. and 80°F at equilibrium or about 48 hours.

15. The composition as in claim 10 wherein Z is 0 to 1.

16. The composition as in claim 10 wherein the heteroatom is oxygen or sulfur and R₁ is a lower alkyl.

17. The composition as in claim 16 being in the form of flowable granules. *see page 34*

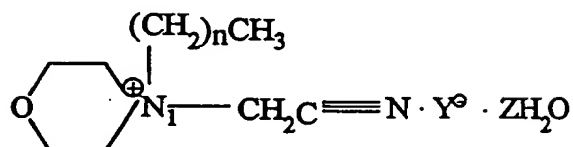
18. The composition as in claim 17 wherein the granules have an average particle size between about 100 μ m to about 1200 μ m.

19. The composition as in claim 17 wherein the granules are substantially non-aggregating under ambient conditions.

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20. A substantially solid salt composition, the salt composition having therein a compound with the structure of Formula II

FORMULA II



- 5 wherein n is 0 to 24, Z is a value in the range of 0 to 10, and Y is monovalent or multivalent and is sulfate, bisulfate, tosylate, or mixtures of sulfate and bisulfate as counterion.

21. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein the Formula II compound is from about 1 wt.% to about 100 wt.% of the composition total.

22. The salt composition as in claim 20 being substantially non-hygroscopic.

23. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein the salt composition includes from about 1 wt.% to about 99 wt.% of another compound related to the Formula II compound, but differing therefrom in counterion, and wherein Formula I compound is in an amount effective for reduced hygroscopicity of the salt composition.
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24. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein the Formula II compound has a water uptake of less than about 5 wt.% water at 80% R.H. and 80°F at equilibrium or about 48 hours.

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25. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein Z is 0 to 6.

26. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein n is an integer from 0 to 4, and Z is in a range of from about 0 to about 1.

27. The salt composition as in claim 20 wherein n is 0.

28. The salt composition as in claim 27 wherein Z is in a range from about 0 to about 1.

29. The salt composition as in claim 27 wherein the salt composition includes from about 1 wt.% to about 99 wt.% of another compound related to the Formula II compound, but differing therefrom in counterion, and wherein Formula I compound is in an amount effective for reduced hygroscopicity of the salt composition.

30. The salt composition as in claim 27 being in the form of granules.

31. Substantially solid N-methyl morpholinium acetonitrile bisulfate.

32. The substantially solid N-methyl morpholinium acetonitrile bisulfate of claim 31 in crystalline form.

33. A mixture of substantially solid N-methyl morpholinium acetonitrile bisulfate and sulfate.

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34. A process for preparing a compound in accordance with claim 1~~0~~ comprising:

heating the Formula I compound in alkyl sulfate form in an acid aqueous solution for a sufficient period of time to convert at least some of the compound to have sulfate or bisulfate as counterion.

35. The process as in claim 34 wherein the heating is from about 40°C to 150°C.

36. The process as in claim 34 wherein the acid aqueous solution has a pH of from about -1 to about 6.

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